

## Media release

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### Chinese Medicine Board of Australia sets fee for 2015/16

The Chinese Medicine Board of Australia (the Board) has decided that the national registration fee for Chinese medicine practitioners for 2015/16 will remain the same as in the previous year.

The Board has frozen the registration fee at \$579. It will cover the registration period for most practitioners from 1 December 2015 to 30 November 2016.

The fee for practitioners whose principal place of practice is NSW is \$500.<sup>1</sup>

A full fee schedule, including the fee arrangements for practitioners whose principal place of practice is NSW, will be published on the Board's website.

The National Registration and Accreditation Scheme (the National Scheme) is funded by practitioners' registration fees. The decision to keep the fee frozen ensures practitioners are not unduly burdened, but still provides sufficient income to allow the Board to meet its obligations in introducing Chinese medicine into the National Scheme and protecting the public.

Board Chair, Professor Charlie Xue, said that the Board has worked hard to ensure that the fee is set at the lowest practicable level, while still ensuring that it can fulfil its obligations as a national regulator. In the context of grand-parenting a new profession into the scheme and now establishing arrangements for overseas trained practitioners to gain registration in the future, this has been a significant body of work to be completed within a limited timeframe, and has been a challenge.

'It's important that the Board can continue to provide robust and safe regulation of Chinese medicine in Australia and to protect the public, and that the fees should be reasonable,' Professor Xue said.

The Board will also shortly publish the Health Profession Agreement (HPA). The HPA provides information about the Board's financial operations, outlines the partnership between the Board and the Australian Health Practitioner Regulation Agency (AHPRA), and the services AHPRA will provide to the Board to regulate Chinese medicine.

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<sup>1</sup> NSW is a [co-regulatory jurisdiction](#).